



FOOTBALL: ALL-NORTHEAST INLAND DISTRICT TEAMS

Noonan shares D-II Defensive POY

Gibbons, Dennison honored as well

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Highland end Carson Noonan was a co-defensive player of the year and the Hornets' Mike Gibbons and Buckeye's Greg Dennison picked up coach of the year awards this morning when the All-Northeast Inland District football teams were released

by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Media Association.



Gibbons



Dennison

Noonan shared his award in Division II with Archbishop Hoban linebacker Eli Lee, an Ohio State recruit. The 6-foot-3, 270-pounder, who was a first-team All-Ohio offensive lineman as a junior, currently has 62 tackles, 18 tackles for loss and 9½ sacks as the Hornets prepare to play undefeated Avon in the Region 6 championship Friday.

Gibbons has piloted the Hornets to the Suburban League American Conference title and a Medina County-record-tying 13 victories, while Dennison coached the Bucks to the inaugural Cleveland West Conference crown.

The county had a host of other first-team all-district players.

D-I boasted Brunswick kicker Vincenzo DiTeodoro (6-1, 200, jr.) and defensive end Eli Nichols (6-1, 200, jr.) and Medina linebacker Cooper Josefczyk (6-1, 230, sr.) and defensive back Tallen Hulvey (6-2, 215, sr.). The latter two are repeat selections.

In an absolutely loaded D-II that also boasts fellow regional finalists Archbishop Hoban, Massillon and

Walsh Jesuit, Highland also placed running back Casey Myser (6-2, 205, jr.), who was runner-up for offensive player of the year to Walsh Jesuit quarterback Keller Moten, and defensive tackle Ryan Zywiec (6-3, 260, sr.) on the first team. Like Noonan, they are repeat selections.

Also in D-II, Wadsworth first-teamers were wide receiver Calix Lemp (5-11, 180, jr.), offensive lineman Eli Kaufman (6-3, 275, sr.), running back Cooper Gray (5-11, 170, jr.), linebacker Jacob Earnest (6-2, 225, jr.) and defensive back Gavin Madigan (5-11, 215, jr.).

Buckeye placed running back Troy McCann (5-9, 201, sr.) and punter Trey Widenmeyer (6-0, 211, sr.) on

the D-III top unit, while Black River had linemen Ryan Graves (6-2, 235, sr.) and Owen Chapman (6-2, 240, sr.) in D-VI.

Second-team awards went to the Pirates' Seth Gaspari (RB, 6-0, 215, sr.), the Bucks' Curtis Gunkelman (OL, 5-11, 242, sr.), Roman Krettlar (LB, 5-9, 184, jr.) and Travis Avallone (LB, 6-0, 192, sr.), Cloverleaf's Ethan Gray (DB, 5-10, 195, jr.), the Hornets' Ben Coyne (OL, 6-4, 255, sr.), Dylan Borla (QB, 6-0, 185, sr.) and Evan Foust (P, 6-0, 195, so.) and Wadsworth's Brysen Hall (QB, 5-11, 180, fr.) and Troy Myers (DL, 6-0, 195, sr.). D-I did not have a second team due to only having five schools.

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